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1. The "Lenin" State Metallurgical Plant, which includes an openhearth shop, a rolling mill, a gas generating station, a machine shop, a pattern shop, and boiler installations, was built under the direction of the following USSR specialists: Bubnov, Vorrevodin, Bordanov, Polesnakov, Katrandashov, Shkarupina, Grud'cov, Strukov, Sedyev, Kirivenkov, Sergey, Frolov, Tsutako, Ivanov, Popov, Potseluyko, and Sharshakov. The plant will produce steel, concrete reinforced with iron / iron for reinforced concrete, rolled wire, shaped iron, narrow-gauge rails, and iron for machine building. The plant will produce 50 thousand tons of steel and 40 thousand tons of rolled metals (rolled steel) annually. By 1957, the plant plans to increase its output of steel to 250 thousand tons, rolled metals to 170 thousand tons, and cast iron to 226 thousand tons. Four open-hearth furnaces, the first Bessemer in Bulgaria, two blast furnaces, a sheet metal shop, and an agglomerate plant will be built to complete the metallurgical plant complex.
2. The Central Coal Concentration Plant in Dimitrovo cleans dirt and waste from the coal and thus increases its heat value. The construction of this plant has been directed by USSR specialists Zhezhurin, Khrustiyanova, Efimov, Golub'cov, and Gutsalo.
3. The following industrial enterprises began operations at the end of [REDACTED]:

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The steam heat and electric power station near the Soda plant at Devnya, Stalin Okrug will supply power for the plant machinery. This plant is built under the direction of USSR engineers Ludnik and Gribanov. The "Maritsa" Cotton Spinning Mill, which at the same time is /a part of/ the textile combine at Plovdiv, has a production capacity of three million meters of fine yarn / per year/. The "Rosen" and "Vurli Bryag" ore concentration installations are located in the Burgas region.

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4. The "Chervena Zvezda" State Industrial Enterprise in Sofia manufactures

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windows, doors, various types of shelves for stores and warehouses, various kinds of furniture such as beds, wardrobes, etc.

5. **Personalities:**
 - a) Sedevcho Slaveykov - former technical director (manager)
 - b) Damchec Nikolov - director of the enterprise
 - c) Spas Stoilov - planner of the enterprise
6. The "Chervena Zvezda" DIP (Durzhavno Industrialno Predpriyatiye - State Industrial Enterprise) is under the direction of the State Industrial Association (Durzhavno Industrialno Obedinenie) of the Ministry of Light and Food Industry, which supplies new cadres and instructors for the enterprise. The State Industrial Association is called the Furniture Industry (Mebelna Industriya) and is in charge of the supply of goods made of wood. The Trade Union for Forest Workers, Agricultural Workers, and Carpenters (Proforganizatsiya na gorskite, zemedelskite i durvodelskite rabotnitsi) organizes labor competition.
7. The Central Cooperative Union (Tsentralniya Kooperativen Suyuz) buys most of the finished furniture and products from the "Chervena Zvezda" State Industrial Enterprise. The party organization is inactive, and even the Communists who are sent to the Trade Union Committee (profkomiteta) do not comply with the orders of the party.
8. The production plan for the first six months of [REDACTED] was fulfilled only 64 percent. 25X1A
9. The State Industrial Association issues special directives for saving wood materials and for using wood trimmings in the manufacture of furniture, but these directives are not observed by the workers.
10. The wages of the specialists are never above 16 Leva / per day / because the norms are never fulfilled. Many times the wages for a worker amount to nine leva per day.
11. The enterprise employs about 119 to 130 workers, however this number changes often because of absenteeism and large turnover of employees due to poor wages. The workers must work overtime to meet the norm, however the norm is never met.
12. Thirty-four of the workers are members of the party.
13. Spas Stoilov, party secretary, 40 years of age, is the secretary of the Trade Union Organization.
14. Production in the enterprise is decreasing because the workers are very dissatisfied.

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15. The "Stakhanov" State Machine-Building Plant in Popovo employs 420 workers, who work in three shifts.
16. Koycho Petrov, Communist, about 46 years of age, is the director of the plant. He does not treat the workers well. He is accused of stealing, however he is not prosecuted by the authorities since he is a party and State Security agent.
17. The party group in the plant handles political affairs, especially those of the DOSO unit. The Trade Union exists only in form. The workers have very poor living conditions. There have been weeks when there was no food in the two workers' messhalls. The bread was of a poor quality. The workers earn from nine to 16 leva of wages per day while the Communists receive two or three times as much without working. The Communists are registered as workers, as political instructors, as DOSO members, and as propagandists and therefore they attend the meetings continuously. They live at the expense of the labor of the workers, and therefore the workers protest against the Communists and against the Communist regime. The "Stakhanov" Plant produces the Datski motor-type Diesel engines, the Soviet A-22 semi-Diesel engine and engine heads for the Doyts klokmer trucks.

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